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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Examiner	Art Unit		
Ryan R. Yang	2672		

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-37 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Amendment, filed on 10/26/2005.

This action is non-final.

2. Claims 1-37 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 10, 18, 23 and 28 are independent claims. In the Amendment, filed on 10/26/2005, claims 23 and 37 were amended.

3. The present title of the invention is "Optimized fixed-point mathematical library and graphics functions for a software-implemented graphics rendering system and method using a normalized homogenous coordinate system" as filed originally.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 10 and 12-14 are objected to because of the following informalities: The "fixed-format" appears to be mean "fixed-point format". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which

was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The term "variable length fixed-point format" is not described in the specification. It is not clear how it differs from fixed-point format and how it operates.

Claims 2-3, 10-27 and 29-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicant has not disclosed the properties of a "normalized homogenous coordinate system (NHCS)".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Poulton et al. (5,388,206), hereinafter Poulton.

Regarding claim 1, Poulton discloses that the claimed feature of a computer implemented method for rendering graphics on an embedded device, comprising:

inputting rendering data in a first format (Figure 3, item 110 "the geometry processor 100 provides the A, B and C coefficients to the enhanced memory devices 150 through the image generation controller 110), column 6, line 11-15);

converting the rendering data from the first format into a variable length fixed point format ("It converts floating-point A, B, and C coefficients into byte-serial, fixed-point form", column 6 line 16-17);

processing the rendering data in the variable length fixed point format ("it sequences enhanced memory device operations by broadcasting command information such as primitive data, control, and address information to the enhanced memory device array 125", column 6, line 17-21); and

rendering the processed rendering data on the embedded device (Figure 3 is a renderer).

As for variable length fixed-point format, since it is not described in the specification, it is assumed very similar to fixed-point format, and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to convert the fixed-point format into variable length fixed-point format in order to reduce unnecessary calculations.

8. Claim 28 claims a graphics rendering system with similar scope as claim 1, therefore is similarly rejected as claim 1.

Response to Arguments/Amendments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-37 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Inquiries

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan R Yang whose telephone number is (571) 272-7666. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi can be reached on (571) 272-7664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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